(c) the details of alternative arrangements made for the NER region for immediate peace process especially in Assam; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The Government is following a multi pronged policy to deal with insurgent and militant activities in the North East Region Which, *inter alia*, includes a willingness to talk to groups provided they abjure violence, seek resolution of their demands within the frame work of the Indian Constitution and come into the mainstream of national life. In pursuance of this policy, the Government has made cease-fire/Suspension of Operations arrangements with United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam, Kuki National Organization and United People's Front and its constituents in Manipur, Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) [NSCN (I/N)] and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K) [NSCN (K)] in Nagaland. Two Coys of 28 Bn. of ULFA mainly active in Upper Assam have also declared unilateral Cease-fire on 24th June, 2008. These arrangements are being regularly monitored and reviewed.

(c) and (d) While Government is encouraging the insurgent/militant outfits to join the main stream, action is also being taken by way of sustained counter insurgency operations against the elements who continue to indulge in violence and anti-national activities. Towards the end, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in the region through various measures such as deployment of Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities in counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessments; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including the construction of border fencing; roads and flood lighting; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for various aspect of counter insurgency operations by way of reimbursement of security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.

Serial blasts in Guwahati

1011. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the serial blasts in Assam, particularly in Guwahati is due to the total failure of Government machinery;

(b) the details of the outcome of the various enquiries made by the Central Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the place like Ganeshguri in the Guwahati city, bomb blast occurred for nineteen times;

(d) if so, the details of precautionary steps taken by Government till the date of serial bomb blasts; and

(e) whether any Government official has been held responsible for that or punished for dereliction of duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Government of Assam has informed that terrorist organizations active in the State adopted a new modus operandi and indulged in serial blasts on 30th October, 2008.

(b) A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed by the State Government to exclusively investigate the serial bomb blast cases. The SIT has got important leads in the investigation and so far 25 persons have been arrested in this regard.

(c) State Government has reported that a total of 8 (eight) explosions have taken place in Ganeshguri area of Guwahati city from 2001 till 5.12.2008.

(d) A number of effective preventive measure have been taken by the State Government of prevent recurrence of bomb explosions. These *inter-alia* includes setting up of fixed police pickets, intensified patrolling, mobile search parties at various vulnerable points as well as involving public participation to fight the menace of bomb blasts. This apart, the counter insurgency operations are continuing vigorously throughtout the State. The Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Government through various measures such as deployment of Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities in Counter Insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessments, vigilance and surveillance on the border, including the construction of border fencing, roads and flood lighting; sharing of intelligence, financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the police modernizations schemes, provision of assistance for various aspect of Counter insurgency (CI) operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, assistance to the State for raising additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions etc.

(e) Government of Assam has intimated that no State Government official has been held responsible or punished for dereliction of duty.

Posts lying vacant in Navyug Schools, NDMC

1012. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of post of teacher of Business Studies and Accountancy are lying vacant in Navyug Schools under the New Delhi Municipal Council;

(b) if so, the details of schools where such posts are lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for not filling up the posts of teachers in above subjects; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fill up these posts?